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SENATOR DWORAK: Are the students going to lose it or is the school district?

SENATOR KOCH: The school district would lose it and indirectly the students....

SENATOR DWORAK: Wouldn't the other school district pick it up?

SENATOR KOCH: The other school district?

SENATOR DWORAK: Where they are being bussed to.

SENATOR KOCH: It is the same school district, it is a different school.

SENATOR DWORAK: I see.

SENATOR KOCH: Well, there is some question under state aid that these students might not be counted simply because they moved from target schools Title I students. Now you have got to remember there are two...the federal law affects these students, Title I target schools. A number of these students will be moved from target schools to say, Hillcrest, which is at about 117th and Pacific so there is a question of whether or not they could count these students who came from the target schools and count them here for the purpose of entitlement under state aid.

SENATOR DWORAK: But they are never leaving the Omaha School District?

SENATOR KOCH: No, they are in the same school district.

SENATOR DWORAK: Anyway, I guess I don't understand what is disqualifying these youngsters. Are we counting these youngsters within the school district? Are we counting...

SENATOR KOCH: There are two questions. One is, there is a fear that if it isn't spelled out in the state aid bill that they may not be eligible for that formula which is applicable then. Two is that under federal guidelines, under Title I, and Omaha gets a considerable amount of money here, that there again these students may again suffer a loss of money that normally accrues to them simply because of the school they attend and the way it has been identified. So what we are doing here is to try to clarify it to make sure that there is no doubt, at least the way our law reads, that these students would lose some funds that would be available to them. But as far as new money coming to them, there wouldn't be because these students are already eligible under our state aid plan for these kind of money. They are identified. They are approved by the State Board of Education, but the thing we are concerned about is the Title I of the federal, whether or not our law would be specific to say they are still Title I students, culturally deprived.